Request for Moratorium on debt repayment

967. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has turned down the demand for at least a 3 year moraterium on the debt repayments and rescheduling of all outstanding loans made by the Governments of Punjab, Assam and J & K;

(b) if so, what are details thereof;

(c) whether some other States have also made a similar demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The request of the State Governments in question has not been agreed to by the Central Government in view of its own financial constraints and for the reasons stated in part (d) of this reply.

(c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested for rescheduling of the repayment of loans due during 1993-94 till the Central Government takes a favourable decision relating to repayment rmodelling of small savings loans. Government of Gujarat has also requested for keeping the repayment of Central loans against net small savings collections in abeyance till a decision is taken on the recommendation of the Committee on Austeri set up by the National Development Council under Shri Biju Patnaik to treat Central loans against net collections of small savings, as loans in perpetuity.

16 MLAs of Manipur have also requested the Government of India to grant 5 years moratorium to the State Government on the repayment of loans to the Central Governmet.

(d) All such requests have not been agreed to by the Central Government in view of its own financial constraints. The resources of the Central Government take into account repayments of loans and to the extent they are reduced, the ability of the Centre to provide plan assistance to States will also get reduced.

Vacation of Premises by Uco Bank in Malaviya Nagar, New Delhi

968. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister tf FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2315 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the UCO Bank authorities have made any efforts during the past six months to locate the new premises and vacuate the Malaviya Nagar Premises;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the accommodation in Malaviya Nagar, New Delhi is likely to be vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) UCO Bank have reported that the vacation of the premises occupied by them at N-14, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi was subject to availability of an alternative premises. One alternative premises was offered by the landlord in the basement of the some building. No settlement could however be reached in regard to this offer.

The landlord has now offered renewal of lease in respect of the accommodation at N-14, Malviya Nagar. The terms and conditions for renewal of the lease have been conveyed to the landlord whose consent is awaited.

Income Tax Payers

969. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons paying income tax for an annual income of above Rs. 10 lakhs;

(b) what is the total number of income tax payers who declare their income above Rs. 5 lakhs per annum;